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Prevailing Opinion Seems to Be That Wolgast Can't Box—Neither Can Any of His Opponents, for He Makes Them Fight.

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BATTING NELSON, in a speech made out in Oregon a few days ago, said: "I still think Wolgast is a cheese champion. He can't box."

And Freddie Welsh, the clever little English fighter who is to be Wolgast's next victim for the next championship of the world, is giving out interviews in San Francisco in which he tells everybody the same thing.

"I sat close to Moran's corner," says Welsh, "and I watched every move Wolgast made in the fight. Moran should have fainted and tied Wolgast into a knot instead of rushing in and throwing science to the winds. Wolgast isn't a good boxer. A scientific man should have no trouble in beating him. His footwork is poor—he is off balance—he isn't accurate. I'll win sure when we fight. In fact, I'm so sure that I am perfectly willing to put up half of the proposed \$10,000 stake. But I've called to my old backer, Harry Marks, and his reply reads: 'I'll back you for the full \$10,000 against Wolgast.'"

FUNNY thing—this prevailing opinion that Wolgast "can't box." All the men who have fought him say the same thing. They think he can't box. I haven't noticed that any of them say he can't fight. Owen Moran explains his defeat by saying that he intended "boxing Wolgast's eyes out," but that when the fight began he changed his mind and started trading wallops from the start. Moran seems to have a notion that if he had stuck to the programme he would have won. However, he doesn't explain one thing, and that is that Wolgast wouldn't let him "box." Wolgast won't let any of them "box." He makes them fight. He rushes in so fast and hits so hard and so swiftly and so persistently that they can't stand off to "box his eye out." That kind of fighting can be indulged in only against a man who is willing to stand off and box or a man who isn't strong enough to force matters every second of the time. Wolgast is phenomenally strong for his weight. He showed that by the way he tossed K. O. Brown about—and no one ever questioned Brown's strength. One Round Hogan expected to have an easy time outboxing Wolgast. All of his training stunts were intended to make him fast and clever. But all the speed and cleverness couldn't stand Wolgast off when he loomed like a rock and charged in like a little Andalusian bull. Owen Frankie Burns tried to out-leave Wolgast in California and was badly whipped.

Cleverness in boxing is a good thing, but there are some men who offset it with cleverness in fighting—men who are different. Bob Fitzsimmons wasn't exactly a clever boxer, but he was the greatest and most effective fighter in the world in his time. He fought in a different way. He fought to have things rather easy, as they would be struggling with the Boston Traders.

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NOBODY loves a "dicker." Everybody admires a man whose sporting instincts come out after a reverse.

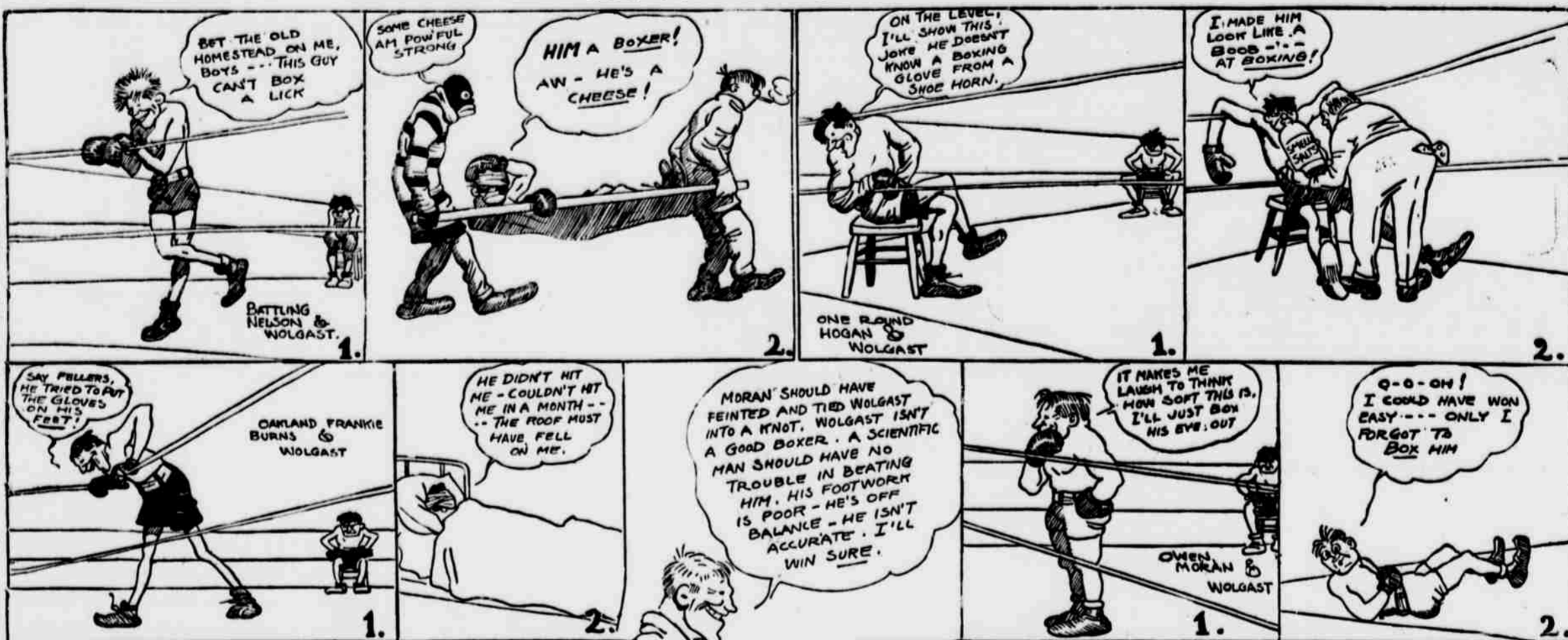
Al Bridwell, traded by the Giants, has no criticism to make. He says plainly that he has been off his usual playing form, and that he approves of John McGraw's action in putting a better man temporarily a better man, at least—in his place. He is very blue over leaving the Giants, quite naturally, but hopes and expects to see the team come in winner of the National League pennant this year.

"John McGraw is still one of my best friends, just as he always has been," says Bridwell. "I'm sorry things have turned out this way for me, of course, but I know he did the right thing for the team, and after all that's what he ought to do. I think the Giants are better off because of the trade. I expect to get back into form and to be good for a few more years, and in Boston or wherever I may be in the future I'll play the game just as hard as I have always played it."

That's what the English call "really sporting." It's too bad that any ball club needs to shift a man who is such a good sportsman. Heat of luck to Bridwell wherever he may take him.

ON Labor Day Champion Ad Wolgast is to box six rounds with Paul Moore in Philadelphia at the National A. C. For this slight diversion he will collect the next little sum of \$5,000. Pretty tight for Wolgast. In a year he ought to be as rich as Battling Nelson, who is said to be worth something like \$200,000.

Paul Moore won't cause Wolgast much trouble. Paul was once a much talked of fighter, but his stock has dropped during the past few months. Freddie Welsh made him look like the poorest of amateurs when they met at the National A. C. in this city. Several others have enlarged their bank accounts and their reputations at Moore's expense. But he is very popular in Philadelphia, where he did some really very good fighting a year ago. The boys will draw a great house, for thousands will turn out to see Wolgast.

HILLTOPS WILL HAVE
TO FIGHT TO FINISH
RACE IN THIRD PLACE

White Sox, Red Sox and Naps
In Scramble With Locals
for Show Money.

BY ROZEMAN BULGER.

WHILE the Highlanders are rumbling on their way from the Tiger fair to the Hilltop, Old Man Knickerbocker will have his ear to the ground for news of the Giants, who are their first Western gun in Cincinnati this afternoon. There are no games scheduled in the American League today, but everything is set for the Western invasion, which begins with the lowly St. Louis Browns to-morrow. The Western tour of the Highlanders has not been productive of a great deal of excitement, but for the brilliant finish at Detroit. It would have been a little more interesting as they have Cincinnati as a victim right off the reel. The Phillies will be at St. Louis, an outlook that is not so promising for Red Sox. The Cubs, on the other hand, are thought to have things rather easy, as they will be struggling with the Boston Traders.

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Highlanders Neatly Remove Claws
From Once Ferocious Tigers

(Special to The Evening World).

FANS are fearful and sad today. If fans can really be sorrow-stricken, and the only cheering news discussed with any show of spirit was the departure of the peevy Highlanders for the East. And the good people of Detroit are thankful that John Johnson didn't want that the Hilltops should stay in their midst longer.

After the Tigers had literally crushed Washington, Philadelphia and Boston like chaff, Jennings' men and supporters figured the team badly going Hilltoppers would add to their lead before the dash into the direction of the southeast section of the League. But there is a different story now, and the fans realize the great old White Sox have been to the leaders in keeping the Athletics in check.

It was a happy bunch of Highlanders which boarded a train for New York last night to begin a stand against the West in their own ballpark. And they were ready to be pumiled. The sort of ball exhibited by the representatives of Gotham was by far the best of any perceivable in the play of either of the three other Eastern clubs, and those who watched the New York make the Tigers look like so many amateurs are firm in the belief that Chase will make a great deal of trouble in the race before the final bell rings.

It rather simply was outplayed, out-pitched and everything else pertaining to the methods of successful play, and in comparison the visitors looked like champions, the opposition like a second division club.

There isn't a more pleased man anywhere than Chase, although he declares he's not a bit surprised at the outcome of the series.

"I rather expected we would give these fellows a beating," said Chase after the game. "I could see it coming. My boys are fighting harder now than at any time since the season started. I don't believe there is a club in the league that could beat us in our

infelicitous that he has got to fight for his job, and there was never a more brilliant exhibition of fielding than was shown on the first day of the reorganization. Arthur Delany was allowed to sit on the bench, but Herzog and Fletcher will have to tear things up considerably to keep him out of the game. McGraw caused a little surprise by putting Herzog on third right at the start. It had been expected that Fletcher would play short, and that Herzog would play third. McGraw's judgment was vindicated, however, by the remarkable game put up by both men. They not only fielded brilliantly, but they hit the ball hard and ran bases like a pair of deerhounds.

It is evident that Arthur Fletcher has at last got a permanent berth on the team. He will have the regular job of shortstop, and third base will be a bone of contention between Herzog and Devlin. Two years ago McGraw declared that in a few seasons Fletcher would be regarded as one of the greatest ball players in the world, and the young fellow has started off as if he intended to make good the prediction.

This morning the Giants are right under the claws of the leaders and a game turned the right way will land them back on top to a few minutes. The Cubs defeated the Phillies on Saturday while the Giants were trimming the Cardinals, and it was a happy afternoon for New York fans. There is less than one full game between the two teams, and if the Cubs and Phillies should get beaten while the Giants were winning New York would crawl back on top.

Matty was hit on his pitching hand by a swift inshoot Saturday afternoon, and while he continued the game his finger is very sore, and he may not pitch for several days. Richard Marquis will probably be used in the opening game against the Reds and the second assignment will go to Leon Ames.

ATHLETICS ONLY CLUB
TO OUTDRAW HILLTOPS
AGAINST DETROIT TEAM.

DETROIT, July 24.—Detroit fans love a winner and will quit when the team is losing, but the Athletics of ball played by the Hilltops drew the crowd, even though it was expensive to the Tigers' chances in the race. There was an average of 8,000 persons to a game, or a total attendance of 32,000 in all. The Athletics were the only Eastern club to outdraw New York, the world's champions, secretary being paid for 35,000 admissions.

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"We were not going very well before we struck Detroit, but that is because we were in a slump and, besides, things appeared to break against us. The boys were meeting the ball just as hard as they did in this series, but somehow we couldn't get them safe. We lost some awful tough games that way. Most of the time we were out of the slump and will do much better."

"No, I am not claiming any pennants. There still is a long way to go and there is no telling just what will happen. At the present time we are quite a ways behind the leaders. We may or we may not get up there, but should it be that everything goes well with us the leaders strike a slump that almost invariably happens to clubs, our supporters can rest assured that there will be a fight and we will not be beaten until we are counted out."

There were rumors of dissonance in the ranks of the Highlanders when they last visited here, but there are no signs of any disturbing elements now. Chase is all heart for the work of his followers and the care with which he treats them is showing results.

FREDDIE WELSH
ON WOLGAST.

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World's Champion Runner
Will Only Run Exhibition

Jones, Kiviat and Sheppard
Won't Race Mile at
St. Agnes Meet.

WITH young Kiviat and Mel Sheppard out of training and on the resting list, it seems more than likely that John Paul Jones, the world's champion mile runner, will not race at the St. Agnes meet to be held at Washington Park, Brooklyn, this Saturday, but will fulfill only the expectations of the experts by appearing in an exhibition run.

Coach Monkley of Cornell has not allowed Jones to do any special training for a race, neither has Coach Lawson Robertson of the Irish-American A. C. permitted Kiviat or Sheppard to prepare for a race against Jones. It is said that Kiviat will not start in the special race, but that Sheppard may agree to run in the exhibition mile with Jones.

Even the appearance of the great John

Kline Matched for Two
Big Bouts on the Coast

Newark Featherweight to Meet
Conley Aug. 19 and
Mandot Sept. 1.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

PATSY KLINE, the clever Newark boxer, has just secured two important fights on the Coast, and if he should win both he will be in direct line for the featherweight title. The Pacific Coast A. C. of Los Angeles think that he got the worst of the decision in his recent bout against Johnny Kilbane, for they have matched him to meet Frankie Conley the afternoon of Aug. 19. They will weigh in at 122 pounds at 10 o'clock in the morning. On Sept. 1 Kline will meet Joe Mandot for twenty rounds at the West Side A. C. of New Orleans. They will weigh in at 124 pounds at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

Battling Nelson, who is under contract to the officials of the Transatlantic Athletic A. C., has just made a good start in his new home in Los Angeles. He is a tremendous fighter and is expected to make a big name in the West. He is said to have lost a considerable sum of money in the club and is now looking for a fight to make good.

Having been unsuccessful in catching a boat between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Nelson is now making a strong effort to bring

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Giants' Leader Doesn't Believe Anything Like \$22,500
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Of course, those on the outside, among whom are the other managers, know nothing of the inside of the deal between President Lennon of St. Paul and President Drayfus of Pittsburgh for Pitcher O'Toole. However, I believe that Drayfus didn't pay anything like \$22,500 for O'Toole, and that there was a big lot of "stage money" in that transaction. When we paid \$15,000 to Indianapolis for Pitcher Marquard that was the highest price ever paid for one player. I cannot believe that anybody in either major league would go twice that strong and then some for one player. They will have to show me before I'll believe Drayfus parted with so much good money for the pitcher."

This was the statement made to-day by Manager McGraw of the Giants. He says that had this amount been paid he thinks Drayfus would have insisted that O'Toole join the "Bats" at once and help out their badly going twirling staff.

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REDS WILL USE KEEFE
TWICE AGAINST GIANTS.

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afternoon's game Pitcher Keefe will do the twirling for the Reds and will be opposed by Pitcher Wilton. On Thursday Keefe will be called upon to work in his second game of the series against the Cardinals. So far, he has beaten them three straight games, but he's been kept out of the games in which Mathewson has worked. Starks will work the second game for the Reds, and probably Smith will be sent in to do the yeoman duty on Wednesday.

Incidentally, it might here be remarked that this is Griffith's last year with the Reds. Herrmann has had bench managers for five years at a cost of \$60,000 and he is beginning to grow tired of them. In fact, he has said that next year there will be a playing manager with the team. Either Huggins or McGraw will be the man to take the place of Griffith. The Pirates will be the man with Huggins standing the better show right now.

When they were playing in Brooklyn last Saturday several members of the Reds pulled a beautiful trick on the writer of an evening newspaper in Cincinnati who is travelling with the club. One of them told him that a deal had been arranged whereby Herrmann, Grant, Downey and Egan had been traded to the Rustlers for Sweeney and Bridwell. He couldn't speak to Griffith, so asked whether or not the deal was put through and was told that it was. He then wired his paper. Herrmann was asked here about it and spent about \$10 getting hold of Griffith and asking about it.

Later when the scribe went to the Superba park he was told that the story was a fake, and the way he fared would have done credit to the late Richard Mansfield. He says now that any player with a story will have to bring his own Bible and swear before the Almighty that it's the truth.

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The same combination which lost Saturday's game in Brooklyn lost the one yesterday to St. Louis and in the same manner. Grant fumbled a grounder and allowed Salas to be safe at first. Just before this McGraw made a wild heave and allowed Bliss to reach second on his steal. Two men were on and no outs. Then Miller Huggins came through with his pretty double to right, and before the apasm ended St. Louis had three runs and was in the lead. Gaspar held them to five hits throughout the nine innings and they have won it easily, inasmuch as they hit Salas safely eight times.

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DODGER-PIRATE
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TOSS-UP JUST NOW

Pittsburg Team Shot to Piece
by Their Recent Eastern Trip.

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Both have beaten Pittsburg this year and both have lost elegantly pitched games through faulty work. Scanton threatened to set a pitcher record in the last game he pitched here but he foolishly kicked himself out of the game in the sixth inning.

Rucker has been less fortunate this season against Clarke's men though. In former seasons he was as much to be feared by Clarke's crew as a broken flange on a subway express. Nap has been wont to hold the Pirates in the palm of his hand, but this time the two right-handers have been more successful this season.

Dahlen's men put up at the Pitts Carlton early this morning. They came here this time untrammelled by trades and deals. On the other occasion it has kept the Pirates' crowd from the game. The Pirates' crowd is of course around Jake Daubert. Taj of this was applied by the very impossibility of the proposition, and then a long time George Bell was the rowdies of the Pirates. The Pirates' crowd is of course around Jake Daubert. Taj of this was applied by the very impossibility of the proposition, and then a long time George Bell was the rowdies of the Pirates.

Baltimore Can't
Take Hub's Place
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Ban Johnson, president of the American League, and five other managers of the same organization, oppose the transfer of the Boston National franchise to Baltimore, so the latter club will have to stay in the Eastern League. The may have had a chance to get the franchise in the Eastern League, but the Baltimore club will have to stay in the Eastern League.

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